### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS FORT WORTH DIVISION

AMANDA SPEARS,	§	
Plaintiff,	§	
	§	
vs.	§	CIVIL ACTION NO
	§	
HOLMAN TRANSPORTATION	§	
SERVICES, INC.	§	
Defendant.	§	JURY REQUESTED

## APPENDIX TO DEFENDANT HOLMAN TRANSPORTATION SERVICES, INC.'S NOTICE OF REMOVAL

Respectfully submitted,

By: <u>/s/ Mark J. Dyer</u>

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

This is to certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing instrument has been eserved to all attorneys of record, in compliance with the FEDERAL RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE, on this the 25<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022.

/s/ Mark J. Dyer MARK J. DYER

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> **HOLMAN TRANSPORTATION** AMANDA SPEARS

> > SERVICES, INC.

Cause of Action: INJURY OR DAMAGE, INVOLVING MOTOR VEHICLE

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Plaintiff,	§	
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HOLMAN TRANSPORTATION	§	
SERVICES, INC.	§	
	§	
Defendant.	<b>§</b>	TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS

CAUSE NO.

#### PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION

#### TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

COMES NOW, Amanda Spears ("Plaintiff") and files this her Plaintiff's Original Petition complaining of Holman Transportation Services, Inc. ("Defendant") and for cause of action would respectfully shows as follows:

## I. <u>DISCOVERY CONTROL PLAN</u>

1. Plaintiff intends for discovery to be conducted under Level 3 of Rule 190.4 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure.

## II. PARTIES AND SERVICE OF PROCESS

- 2. Plaintiff Amanda Spears is an individual residing in Tarrant County, Texas.
- 3. Defendant Holman Transportation Services, Inc. is a transportation company, with its principal office in Boise, Idaho. It can be served with process by personal service upon its registered agent for service, All American Agents of Process, Jeffrey Fultz, 1221 McKinney, Suite 4300, Houston, Texas 77010, or wherever he may be found.

### III. <u>VENUE</u>

- 4. The subject matter and the amount in controversy are within the jurisdictional limits of this Court. The Texas Rules of Civil Procedure require Plaintiff to plead that her case falls under a particular category. In order to comply with this procedural requirement, Plaintiff pleads pursuant to Tex. R. Civ. P. 47, that Plaintiff seeks monetary relief over \$250,000 but not more than \$1,000,000, an amount within the jurisdictional limits of this Court. Plaintiff further seeks all other relief to which Plaintiff may be shown to be justly entitled.
- 5. Venue is proper in Tarrant County pursuant to the TEXAS CIVIL PRACTICE & REMEDIES CODE §15.002(a)(2) because it is the location of the acts and/or omissions which give rise to this suit.

### IV. FACTS

- 6. On or about January 13, 2021, Plaintiff was northbound in heavy traffic on Interstate 35, Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas. As Plaintiff slowed her vehicle for traffic int eh roadway ahead, she was rear-ended by Defendant's vehicle. At all times pertinent to this suit Defendant Holman's vehicle was operated by an employee or agent of Defendant Holman within the course and scope of said employment or agency and in furtherance of Defendant Holman's business.
- 7. As a direct and proximate result of the impact, Plaintiff sustained bodily injuries and other damages.

## V. CAUSES OF ACTION

#### <u>Negligence</u>

- 8. Plaintiff incorporates herein by reference all allegations set forth in the preceding paragraphs.
- 9. On the date of the incident in question, Defendant Holman's employee or agent had a duty to exercise the degree of care that an ordinary person would have in operating the motor vehicle under the same or similar circumstances.
- 10. Defendant's employee or agent breached that duty of care by one or more of the following acts and/or omissions:
  - a. Failing to keep a proper lookout;
  - b. Failing to take evasive action to avoid the collision complained of;
  - c. Failing to drive in a single lane;
  - d. Failing to control its vehicle;
  - e. Failing to control its speed; or
  - f. Failing to timely apply its brakes.
- 11. As a direct and proximate result of the foregoing acts and/or omissions, Plaintiff sustained bodily injuries and damages within the jurisdictional limits of this Court.
- 12. Defendant Holman is responsible for the negligence of its employee or agent via the doctrine of *respondeat superior*.

## VI. **DAMAGES**

12. Plaintiff incorporates herein by reference the allegations set forth in all preceding paragraphs.

- 13. As a direct and proximate result of the above-referenced acts and omissions of Defendant, Plaintiff would show actual damages within the jurisdictional limits of this Court as follows:
  - a. Reasonable and necessary medical care and expenses which have been sustained from the time of the occurrence until the time of the verdict herein;
  - b. Reasonable and necessary medical care and expenses which will be sustained in the future;
  - c. Physical pain and mental anguish which has been sustained from the time of the occurrence until the time of the verdict herein;
  - d. Physical pain and mental anguish which will be sustained in the future;
  - e. Physical impairment which has been sustained from the time of the occurrence until the time of the verdict herein;
  - f. Physical impairment which will be sustained in the future;
  - g. Lost earnings or loss of earning capacity which have been sustained from the time of the occurrence until the time of the verdict herein; and
  - h. Loss of earning capacity or lost earnings which will be sustained in the future.

### VII. PRAYER

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Plaintiff respectfully requests that Defendant be cited to appear and answer, and this case be tried and that Plaintiff have and recover the following from Defendant:

- a. Judgment against Defendant for a sum within the jurisdictional limits of this Court for all actual damages as indicated above;
- b. Pre-judgment interest at the maximum amount allowed by law;
- c. Post-judgment interest at the maximum rate allowed by law;
- d. Costs of suit; and
- e. Such other and further relief to which Plaintiff may be shown to be justly entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### **CITATION**

Cause No. 342-336424-22

#### AMANDA SPEARS

VS.

HOLMAN TRANSPORTATION SERVICES, INC.

TO: HOLMAN TRANSPORTATION SERVICES INC

B/S REG AGT-JEFFREY FULTZ 1221 MCKINNEY STE 4300 HOUSTON, TX 77010-

You said DEFENDANT are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days after the date of service hereof before the 342nd District Court ,100 N CALHOUN, in and for Tarrant County, Texas, at the Courthouse in the City of Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas

AMANDA SPEARS

said PLAINTIFF being

Filed in said Court on September 13th, 2022 Against HOLMAN TRANSPORTATION SERVICES INC



For suit, said suit being numbered 342-336424-22 the nature of which demand is as shown on said PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION a copy of which accompanies this citation.

#### RYAN H ANDERSON

Attorney for AMANDA SPEARS Phone No. (214)755-7777 3300 OAK LAWN AVE 3RD FLR DALLAS, TX 75219

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**County of Tarrant** 

342nd District Court

Case Number: 342-336424-22

Plaintiff: Amanda Spears

VS

Defendant:

Holman Transportation Services, Inc.

For: Ryan H. Anderson Thompson Law, L.L.P. 3300 Oak Lawn Ave Suite 300 Dallas, TX 75219

Received by On Time Process Service on the 19th day of September, 2022 at 9:39 am to be served on Holman Transportation Services, Inc. b/s Registered Agent: Jeffrey Fultz, 1221 McKinney, Ste 4300, Houston, Harris County, TX 77010.

I, Antonio Perez, being duly sworn, depose and say that on the 27th day of September, 2022 at 1:34 pm, I:

Executed service by hand delivering a true copy of the Citation, Copy of Plaintiff's Original Petition, to: Sean Juarez personally as Authorized Person at the address of: 1221 McKinney, Ste 4300, Houston, Harris County, TX 77010, who is authorized to accept service for Holman Transportation Services, Inc., and informed said person of the contents therein, in compliance with state statutes.

Description of Person Served: Age: 50, Sex: M, Race/Skin Color: Caucasian, Height: 5'9", Weight: 170, Hair: Gray, Glasses: N

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| Plaintiff,            | § |                                  |
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| V.                    | § | 342 <sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT COURT |
|                       | § |                                  |
| HOLMAN TRANSPORTATION | § |                                  |
| SERVICES, INC.,       | § |                                  |
| Defendant.            | § | TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS            |

#### **DEFENDANT'S ORIGINAL ANSWER**

#### TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

COMES NOW, **HOLMAN TRANSPORTATION SERVICES, INC.**, Defendant in the above-entitled and numbered cause and files this Original Answer in response to Plaintiff's Original Petition, and in support thereof would respectfully show unto the Court and jury as follows:

### I. GENERAL DENIAL

Defendant **HOLMAN TRANSPORTATION SERVICES, INC.** generally denies the material allegations contained in Plaintiff's Original Petition and says that, since Plaintiff has made such allegations, she should be required to prove them by a preponderance of the evidence as required by law, if she is able to do so.

## II. AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

2.01 Pleading further, Defendant would allege that Plaintiff's recovery, if any, of past medical expenses shall be reduced to the amount paid or incurred by the Plaintiff or on behalf of the Plaintiff pursuant to Section 41.0105 of the Texas Civil Practice & Remedies Code.

- 2.02 Pleading further, Plaintiff's recovery, if any, for loss of earnings and loss of earning capacity is limited to net wages as set forth in Section 18.091 of the TEXAS CIVIL PRACTICE & REMEDIES CODE.
- 2.03 Defendant would allege by way of affirmative defense that the incident in question was the result of the negligence of third parties over whom this Defendant had no control and that said negligence, carelessness, acts and omissions were the sole cause, or alternatively, a proximate cause, or alternatively, a superseding cause of the occurrence in question.
- 2.04 Pleading further and subject to the foregoing without waiving same, Defendant affirmatively alleges that the damages and injuries, if any, alleged by Plaintiff result from pre-existing or subsequent conditions or events.
- 2.05 Pleading further by way of affirmative defense, Defendant would allege that the incident in question was caused in whole or in part of the negligence of the Plaintiff. Defendant would assert the affirmative defense of comparative fault as provided in Chapter 33 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code.

## III. REQUEST FOR JURY TRIAL

Defendant prays that all issues of fact be submitted to a jury pursuant to Rule 216 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Defendant prays that Plaintiff have and recover nothing of Defendant and that, on trial hereof, Defendant be discharged with its costs herein, and for such other and further relief, both at law and in equity, both general and special, to which it may show itself to be justly and equitably entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

This is to certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing instrument has been eserved to all attorneys of record, in compliance with Rule 21a of the TEXAS RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE, on this the  $24^{th}$  day of June, 2022.

Via ECF
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